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PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Promote Healthy Eating Habits.
2. Parent Project

Issues

Issues are the primary concerns or problems facing children in the county.

Health - Children's (0 - 19) physical and mental well-being in the county.

Child Obesity

Policy Council Action Steps:

- Promote parent education regarding early care and nutrition. CPC will support health department through publicity and volunteer support with health fairs
- Support high-risk screening. The CPC will support Health department with health fair publicity and volunteer support
- Utilize community resources to include involvement in planned activities, sporting events. The CPC will support sporting events and other activities that encourage youth to be physically active

Dental Health

Policy Council Action Steps:

- CPC will actively seek provider who will accept Medicaid to serve Henry County
- CPC will support educational and interactive programs in the schools to promote Dental Health

Safety - Children live free of abuse, neglect, crime, and drugs.

No weekend and evenings supervised activities for youth

Policy Council Action Steps:

- CPC will support Boys & Girls Club activities
- Promote and support community activities

Boys & Girls Club

Policy Council Action Steps:

- CPC will assist Boys & Girl's Club in identification of sites available for program
- CPC will support Boys & Girl's club in funding applications
- CPC will support Boys & Girl's Club with volunteers

Abuse of drugs and alcohol

Policy Council Action Steps:

- CPC will help implement Parent Project in Henry County
- Create a Drug Education prevention program
- CPC will support School Resource Officer Program
- Maintain and expand Local Leadership Academy

Education - Children learn the skills necessary to become productive citizens.

Need assistants for dropouts

Policy Council Action Steps:

- CPC will actively support the expansion of Regional Alliance 4 Children's Youth Enrichment Services expansion into Henry County
- CPC will work with Career Center and DHR jobs program to promote a Job Fair

Alternative programs for job training

Policy Council Action Steps:

- Partner with Dothan Tech to explore services available for Henry County residents
- Partner with Wallace Community College to increase student enrollment from Henry County

Early Care and

Education - Children (0 – 5) are provided opportunities to fully develop emotionally, socially, physically, and cognitively and are ready to succeed.

Children not prepared for school

Policy Council Action Steps:

- Work with local programs such as Mother Read & Father Read, Family Guidance Center, and other programs such as Bucks for Books and expand to include more ages.
- Promote awareness of health and safety issues for children birth to five years of age including Special Needs Children

High rate of Grandparents with custody of their Grandchildren

Policy Council Action Steps:

- Partner with the Family Guidance Center to bring Kid and Kin Program to Henry County

Economic Security

- Children grow up in a financially stable home where the child's basic needs can be met.

Poor Work Ethic

Policy Council Action Steps:

- Partner with Dothan Tech. to explore programs available for Henry County
- Seek Public services announcements that support and promote positive work ethic for local radio stations

High rates of unemployment

Policy Council Action Steps:

- Partner with DHR Jobs Program, Career Center, and Dothan Tech to develop and promote a Job Fair
- Explore Job training programs

Parent Involvement and Skills - Parents and

guardians participation and effectiveness in fostering an environment for children to become mature, responsible and independent adults.

Poor Parenting Skills

Policy Council Action Steps:

- Seek funding for one 16 week Program of Parent Project
- CPC will team up with Spectra Care and explore their programs

Poor Parental Involvement

Policy Council Action Steps:

- Seek public service announcements for local radio stations
- Explore public education campaign to promote and support parental involvement

Policy Recommendation

1. State agencies and departments should explore policy changes that promote healthy eating habits. Department of Education might evaluate the use of soda and snack machines in State funded schools.
2. State funding for statewide implantation of Parent Project.

